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BACKGROUND - LEGALITIES OF AUSTRIAN
SETTLEMENT

I. Austrians will seek (i) four-power guarantee of territorial inviolability, integrity, and (ii) four-power recognition of separate Austrian declaration neutrality.

A. Raab believes "Swiss type" neutrality would preclude participation in military alliance of foreign troops on Austrian soil but would not prevent joining organizations like Coal-Steel community.

B. If West does not buy four-power territorial guarantee, Austrians apparently willing accept unilateral Soviet one.

1. Moscow more interested in neutrality declaration than guarantee.

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[REDACTED] reports Soviet view that guarantee should be simple four-power "declaration" of inviolability Austria's territorial

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3. When Bohlen queried Molotov on
guarantee, latter said subject was
matter for four-power discussion.
4. Amb Bohlen emphasizes that uni-
lateral guarantee would give USSR
pretext for intervention, imply
semi-protectorate status.

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